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Via Email

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Subject: Determination Letter - Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Department of Energy (DOE)/Golden Field Office Docket No. GFO-2019-00462-F, Agency Records related to efforts to assess or model climate impacts of nuclear war.

Mr. Pfeiffer:

This letter is in response your FOIA request pursuant to 5 U.S.C. §552, requesting copies of agency records pertaining to efforts to assess or model climate impacts of nuclear war.

Your FOIA Request

"Any and all reports and planning documents discussing efforts to assess or model the climate impacts of nuclear war and the results of any such efforts. You may restrict your search to the time period between and including January 1, 1982 to January 1, 2019. You may exclude the NNSA laboratories of Los Alamos, Sandia, and Lawrence Livermore (and their predecessor entities). In your search and the records you release please include both those records produced by the Department of Energy (and associated and predecessor entities) as well as documents produced by other agencies that are now held or archived by the Department of Energy (and predecessor and associated entities)."

DOE Determination

In accordance with the Department of Energy's (DOE) regulations implementing the FOIA, 10 C.F.R. 1004.S(b), I am the DOE official responsible for making the initial determination with regard to the disclosure of the information you requested. No responsive records were found at the Golden Field Office or in the possession of the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL)

Your Right to Appeal

If you disagree with DOE's determination, you may appeal in writing within 90 calendar days of the receipt of this letter to the Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals, HG-I, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585. Both the letter and the envelope (as applicable) must be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." This appeal may be delivered to the Office of Hearings and Appeals by U.S. Mail (at the address provided above), by commercial delivery service (at the address provided above), by electronic mail to OHA.Filings@hq.doe.gov, or by FAX to (202) 287-1415.

Your appeal must contain a concise statement of grounds upon which it is brought and a description of the relief sought. It should also include a discussion of all relevant authorities, including but not limited to, DOE (and predecessor agencies) rulings, regulations, interpretations and decisions on appeals, and any judicial determinations being relied upon to support the appeal. A copy of this Determination Letter from DOE containing the release determination which is being appealed must be submitted with the appeal. Your appeal should also provide a telephone number, email address, or other means for communication with you during normal business hours.

Once you exhaust your administrative remedies, judicial review of this FOIA request is thereafter available within the district in which you reside, have a principal place of business, where the records are located, or in the District of Columbia.

Dispute resolution services are available at no charge from the Golden FOIA Liaison Officer. The Golden FOIA Liaison Officer is Ms. Reesha Trznadel. She may be contacted at 720-356-1801 or by email at: Reesha.Trznadel@ee.doe.gov. Using the dispute resolution services of the Golden FOIA Liaison Officer does not affect your right to pursue litigation.

The 2007 FOIA amendments created the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) to offer mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue litigation. You may contact OGIS at:

National Archives and Records Administration
Office of Government Information Services
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS
College Park, MD 20740
E-mail: ogis@nara.gov

Contact Information

If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact our FOIA officer either telephonically at 240-562-1373, or by email, sean.johnson@ee.doe.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Derek G. Passarelli".

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 Office of Chief Counsel